

Saltaire Village Society – Priorities for 2009 *(based on our Vision Statement)*

SVS works to maintain the fabric of the village, promote awareness of its architectural, social and industrial history, and improve quality of life for local residents. Our new Vision Statement will be presented at the AGM – details on the next page.

Background of current and planned action by other agencies/groups

- World Heritage Site officer's survey of all village buildings
- WHS officer's consultation and redrafting of Management Plan
- Restoration of Roberts Park
- British Waterways work on the canal
- Punch Taverns rebuilding of the Boathouse pub
- Tramway engineering repair work (until August)
- Learning Action Plan (linked to United Reformed Church bid to English Heritage)
- BMDC ongoing work towards a 20 mph zone in and around the village
- BMDC long term plan for Heritage Lottery bid for Victoria Road
- Shipley College bid to LSC (including a Tourist Information Centre)
- *please add other news!*

SVS general and specific commitments for 2009 *(not a complete list...)*

- Get to know our neighbours - those who are residents and those who come regularly for work, study or recreation.
- Take time to understand each other's needs and interests, find ways to share skills and experience, promote more active community spirit.
- Hold at least one meeting each year for residents to share information, and offer an information stall at the table-top sales run by Saltaire Cricket Club
- Encourage residents to attend Neighbourhood Forums and BMDC community consultations.
- Monitor planning applications and requests to expand/alter business premises
- Act through the Saltaire Project Team to identify interim facilities for tourists while waiting for a new Tourist Information Centre
- Participate in Saltaire Festival 2009, perhaps by improving litter-picking/recycling
- Contribute to consultation on the Local Development Framework "preferred option" for new housing etc. in our District
- Urge BMDC to complete replacement of white street signs with blue – continue fundraising for this if necessary

Projects that SVS would support *(drawn from our Vision Statement)*

- Sensible management of existing local road network to improve traffic flow without encouraging more vehicles.
- Finding ways to limit rat-running
- Research into management of parking by residents, rail commuters and visitors
- Greater investment in and emphasis on the benefits of public transport, e.g. improvements to Saltaire railway station and maintenance of embankment
- Encouragement for safe cycling / mountain biking
- Improvements to pavements, parking and street furniture – more unified signage, lighting, seats and bins to show that the World Heritage Site is valued.
- Appropriate siting of bins and prompt replacement when damaged
- Work between agencies and residents to minimise vandalism in Roberts Park
- Development of leisure/health promotion activities in the Park and buffer zone
- Ways to use the energy and interests of Shipley College students as a resource within the village, e.g. developing plans for use of “Silver Square”
- Maintenance programme for towpath, footpaths and bridleways in the buffer zone
- Increased number of allotments, and communal composting facilities
- Energy from turbines in the river Aire
- Affordable double-glazing and solar panels for listed properties
- Promotion of half-size wheelie bins for residents who would prefer these
- Scheme for neighbours to help each other get bins out for collection, and back
- More frequent issuing of information cards by Aire Valley Recycling, and information from BMDC about recycling facilities at Exhibition Road car park
- Improvements over time to structures and signage in the approach to the WHS which are not of high quality.

This is a sample of issues needing attention – the SVS committee has a longer list!